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The Kelly brothers, John (l) and Mike (r) proudly placed the memorial wreath as a tribute to all veterans at the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Veterans Day Memorial Service. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Breakfast With Santa December 17

Council 426 host their annual Breakfast With your camera for photos with Santa Claus. Cost Santa Sunday December 17 from 9 a.m. to \$8 Adults, \$3 Children 2-12, Under 2 FREE/

South Amboy Knights of Columbus South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast and bring 11:30 a.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Friends Of South Amboy Fundraiser Event

This year's Friends of South Amboy baskets that can be a part of the auction. If fundraising event will be held on Saturday, you would like to support this worthy cause, High School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Midtbo family who have a five year old daughter battling leukemia. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows: 4:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Calvary Christian 6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys Varsity vs Sayreville 8:00 South Amboy Boys Varsity vs Calvary Christian There will also be a Tricky Tray on the day of the event, and The Friends of South Amboy are asking for donations of

December 16th at South Amboy Middle and can donate a basket for our event, please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494. The Friends of South Amboy Registered 501 (C) (3) To further our fundraising efforts we are soliciting ads for our ad book. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Ad Prices are as follows: Half Page \$125.00, Full Page \$175.00. Ad Book applications and a check made out to "Friends of South Amboy" can be returned to:Dave Kales, 329 Cedar Street South Amboy, NJ, 08879.

Christmas Cemetery Cross Sale

The Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society will offer beautiful cemetery crosses for purchase during the weekends of Nov. 18from 4-6 p.m. and on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 531

Washington Ave., South Amboy. The cost is \$9 for one cross or \$15 for two. Honor your departed loved ones during the holiday with 19, and Nov. 25-26. Saturday sales will be ornamental cemetery crosses. Call Virginia Zrebiec for more info at 732-721-1521.



The Sacred Heart War Veterans are pictured with Father Stanley Gromadzki (r) who gave the closing Benediction for the Veterans Memorial Service held at the Sacred Heart Cemetery Nov. 11. There was also an 8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church with a wonderful breakfast that followed, provided by Father Stanley at the Rectory for the veterans. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowictz)

Walsh Tops South Amboy BOE Voting

Patrick J. Walsh was the top vote-getter in Conrad, 571 votes, and Shannon Gonzalez the South Amboy Board of Education election 448. Jessica Colacci tallied 442 votes, Joan for three 3-year seats. He racked up 792 votes, M. Conway 439, Thomas H. Kross 381 votes. and was followed by other winners, Anthony

Sayreville Board Of Education Winners

In the election for three, 3-year seats Batko 2,231. Other candidates Ryan De La on the Sayreville Board of Education, the Uznotched 2,139, and Michael J. Macagnone winners were Karen Rubio 3,561 votes, 1,959 votes. Christopher Callahan 3,213, and Phyllis

Murphy Chosen Governor

easily topped Republican challenger 1,121,230 to 848,082.

Heavily-favored Democrat, Phil Murphy Kim Guadagno, by an unofficial count of

Coughlin Chosen As Speaker

Craig Coughlin was chosen by his fellow replace two-term incumbent Vincent Prieto as the speaker of the New Jersey Assembly.

That will make Coughlin, a 59-year-old attorney from Woodbridge, and former South elected official in the Garden State when he luck Craig!

The speaker helps set New Jersey's Democrats on Monday November 13th to legislative agenda by deciding which bills get put up for a vote in the Assembly, the lower house of the state Legislature which makes the state's laws.

Only the governor and the president of Amboy resident the third-most powerful the state Senate, hold more power. Best of



Novak, Kilpatrick Win In Sayreville

Borough Council seats, incumbent Democrats went as follows: Kilpatrick 4,644, Novak Mary J. Novak (r) and Victoria Kilpatrick (l) 4,460, Pawski 4,310, Campagna 4,180. defeated Republican challengers David S.



Coughlin, Lopez Win, Vitale Unopposed

Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin (c) challengers Deepak Malhotra had 9,604 votes In a fairly close election for two, 3-year Pawski and Paul J. Campagna. The voting was re-elected to the State Assembly's 19th and Amarjit Riar 8,435, while Independent District with an unofficial total of 21,841 votes. His new running-mate, Yvonne Lopez (r) also was chosen with 21,156. Republican Joseph Vitale (l) ran unopposed.

William Cruz garnered 1,183 votes.

Longtime Democrat State Senator

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Fundraiser For Szatkowski

(Article submitted)

A fundraiser hosted by Rich Schnyderite and Tony Januszewski for Chris "Stretch" Szatkowski, who is fighting a battle, which he will win, with Stage 4 cancer, will be held on Jan. 18, 2018 from 5-9 p.m. at Lagoda's Saloon, 109 South Broadway, South Amboy. Chris is a Corrections Officer, Badge #4225, at NJ Dept. of Corrections ADTC Prison,

The benefit is free, and donations will be accepted to help raise money for Chris and his family to assist with medical bills as well as everyday expenses due to being out of work. There will be a free buffet style food at no cost, just donations. Anyone willing to make a donation is asked to write a check in any denomination you wish, to Linda Szatkowski, and mail it to: Richard Schnyderite, 295 Gordon Rd., Matawan, NJ 07747. All donations will be presented to Chris and family at the benefit. There is also a Go Fund page set up for Chris. There will also be 50/50 tickets, and raffle tickets for the many items being donated for the fundraiser.

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Anniversary Congratulations

Parishioners of local parishes have recently celebrated their special wedding anniversaries.

St. Stanislaus Kostka-John & Dorothy Niewinski, 70 years; Our Lady of Victories-Alfred & Georgia Baumann, 50 years; Daniel P. & Kathleen M. Czernikowski, 50 years; Jim & Carole Garbowski, 50 years; Edward J. & Mary M. Majkowski, 50 years; Dennis S. & Kathy J. Connelly, 25 years; Michael & Marilyn Farrell, 25 years: St. Bernadette-Richard & Elizabeth Brauchle, 50 years; William & Laura La Monica, 50 years; Sacred Heart-Edward & Georgette Engelhardt, 50 years; Billy & Carol McCrystal, 50 years; Francis B. & Mary Ann Sullivan, 50 years; St. Mary-Edward F. & Suzanne Conroy, 50 years; Henry & Erminia Dunn, 50 years. Congratulations to all couples!





St. Mary, South Amboy Church parishioner, Katherine Doyle Sudol, received the 2017 St. Timothy Award at St. Francis Cathedral. The award was presented to Katherine and the other Diocesan recipients on 10/28 by Bishop James Checchio. Recipients are High School Catholic youths who are recognized for their service to parish, school, family and community. Katherine is a junior at the Woodbridge Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Science. She has been an altar server for St. Mary Church since the 3rd grade, and she is a founding member of the St Mary Youth Group. Among her many activities, Katherine assists at the parish food pantry, volunteers at the Menlo Park Veteran's Home, and she is a Vice President of the Sayreville Youth Red Cross. (Photo/Info Submitted)

GRAND OPENING



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) was on hand at the Grand Opening of H Barber Shop & Hair Salon, 147 North Broadway. Owner Hamed Ariai (r) and his wife Parva Ariai (c) are also pictured in front of the business, which also offers ladies haircuts, colors and facial treatments. Waxing and massage will be available in a few months. The business offers coffee for clients while they wait. (Photo submitted)



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By Tom Burkard

1. This rental and sales business was located at 242 Main St., Sayreville in 2000? a. Vince's Main Street Rentals & Sales b. Victor's 1-Day Rentals/Sales c. Sayreville Rentals

2. Where was Freddie's S.A. Pub located in South Amboy?

a.South Pine Ave. b.South Broadway c.North Feltus St.

3.In 2008, where was Sayreville Memorial Funeral Home located?

a.Rt. 35 South b. Washington Rd. c. Bordentown Ave.

4. South Amboy Public Elementary School PTA installed this woman as President for 1971? a.Nora Toth b.Doris Pillar c.Muriel Johnson

5.In 1980, Harry's Barber Shop in Parlin was located at?

a. Washington Rd. b. Minnisink Ave. c. Burlew Pl.

6.In 1995, where did The Brass Monkey have its Grand Opening in Sayreville? a.Bordentown Ave. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Pulaski Ave.

7.In '95, where was the Crab Atlantic business located in the Borough of Sayreville? a.Rt. 35 North b.Morgan Ave. c.Old Spye Rd.

8. This hardware store was a located on North Broadway, South Amboy for many years?

a.South Amboy Hardware b.Shore Hardware c.Reiner's Hardware

9. The owner of Olde Towne Deli & Liquors in 1991?

a.Richard Wendell b.Harvey Bornstein c.Karim Lojouwon 10.Sacred Heart School Principal in 1995?



Business Of The Month **Old Bridge Flight School**



Old Bridge Flight School owners Joseph P. Holt (1) and his wife Dr. Alyson L. BeausoleilHolt (r) are pictured near one of their planes used for training. The school is located at 182 Pension Rd., Englishtown. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Old Bridge Flight School, LLC was established in order to provide quality flight training to students. The owners Dr. Alyson L. Beausoleil-Holt, Aerospace/ Flight Instructor, and her husband Joseph P. Holt, a Federal Aviation Administration Designated Pilot Examiner, have been able to provide a safe environment conducive to learning at the Old Bridge Airport (3N6). Dr. Beausoleil-Holt's interest in establishing a flight school was fueled by her desire to promote the field of aviation. As a high school teacher she has the distinct pleasure of teaching Aviation Technology to 9-12 grade students. She has 19 years of experience, and is a dual rated pilot/Certified Flight Instructor. Her husband Joe has been a part of the aviation industry for over 50 years. The couple's passion lies in aviation, and they believe it is important to encourage, introduce, and train individuals to learn the skill of flying, thereby earning a private pilot certificate and advanced ratings. The requirements to become a private pilot are: A student must be 17 years old; be able to read, write, speak and understand the English language; pass the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) written test; pass the FAA practical test; obtain at least a third class medical certificate. An FAA Class III Medical/ Student Pilot Certificate is obtained from

flight is necessary. Flight requirements are: minimum of 40 hours (National average 50-60 hours); minimum 20 hours of dual flight; minimum 10 hours solo flight; remaining 10 hours dual or solo as required by the student. The flight training is designed to ensure that the student is prepared and proficient in the following: aircraft preflight; airport operations; take-off & landings; aborted take-offs & landings; performance maneuvers (short & soft field takeoffs and landings); maneuvering the airplane by reference to flight instruments; night operations; emergency operations; pre and post-flight procedures. Throughout the training, students will be required to complete the following: pre solo written exam; progress check with senior instructors; stage checks (written and practical); ground instruction, which will prepare the student for safe operations and to successfully complete the Private Pilot written exam. Based on 30 hours of dual flight time and 10 hours of solo, flying twice weekly (allowing for weather cancellations), the estimated time to complete the flight training is approximately 6 months. If you're thinking about obtaining a Private Pilot's license, stop in and visit Old Bridge Flight School, located at 182 Pension Rd., Englishtown, NJ, or call 732-483-4596 for more information. You may also go to a FAA Medical Examiner, and a prior solo the website: Oldbridgeflightschool.com.

Music at Saint Mary's

Music at Saint Mary's presents; The City unknown gems, this concert will have Winds Trio! Back for an encore performance, Crispian Fordham, Meredyth Coleman, and the virtuosity of their stunning musicianship. Performing well-loved favorites plus some 732-857-0202

something for everyone!! Sunday, November 26, 2017; 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, Jack Bender return to St. Mary's by popular 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. demand! This New Jersey based flute-oboe- Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A piano trio regularly delights audiences with wine and cheese Meet-the-Artists reception will follow. For questions call MASM @

MCC Students Named to Honor Society

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor Herrick, Divya Patel; South Amboy-Marena society for two-year colleges, this fall. Carter.

NaNoWriMo!

November is National Novel Writing Month! Need a quiet place to complete your work? Sayreville Public Library is the place! Ample seating in our quiet room is available for writers throughout the month of November. For more information check out the website: NANOWRIMO.ORG.

Please also visit the Events Calendar on our website at www.sayrevillelibrary.org or call Jennifer at 732-727-0212 ext. 25.

Free Holiday Movie December 3

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are showing the family friendly movie "Elf" Sunday December 3rd at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Admission is free. Refreshments sold by South Amboy Columbiettes. RSVP by November 30. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Eighty-three students were named to Locals selected were from Sayreville-Gina Middlesex County College chapter of Calandriello, Madeline Falu, Michael

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their December meeting on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our regular business meeting, we will have our Christmas luncheon. New membership will close at our December meeting. Anyone wishing to join should contact Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056. All luncheon requests must be received by Mary by Monday, November 27th in order to have an accurate count. No requests will be taken after that date. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact. Teri at 732-727-7639.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created, Amen -T.B.,

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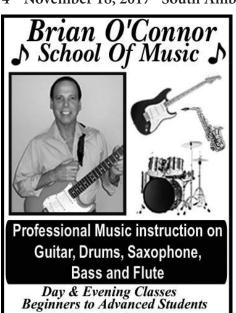
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Yearbook-Sayreville 1997 By Tom Burkard

HS (SWMHS) Class of '97 began its final school year in September 1996, "Macarena" by Los Del Rio was the top hit in the nation. The title of the '97 SWMHS yearbook was "Splash of Blue and Gray." Co-Editor-In-Chief was Kim Burzinski and Brian Farley... Dennis Fyffe was school principal and some of the teachers were Gregg Palmer, Linda Tanchyk, Stewart Cress, Nicholas Cifelli, Meredith Clayton, Patricia Feltz, Lori Teeter, Eryn Toomey, Brett Utter, William Rosen, James Craft, Elaine Hall, Charles Demskis, Debra Golder... The Student Council consisted of: President-Laura Kennedy; Vice-Pres.-Sahid Jabbie; Sec.-Eve Strawhand; Treas.-Stephanie Schneider... The Senior Class Council officers were: President-Kelly Braine: Vice Pres.-Melissa Saul; Treas.-Bonnie Huang; Recording Sec.-Audra Browning; Corresponding Sec.-Joe Przybylowski. A small portion of the huge graduating Class of 1997, selected randomly include: Diane Apito, Dina Beninato, Paul Brylinski, Sheila Boyd, Ecliffe Cliney, Tara Cross, Amy Eberle, Jay Fulton, Kelly Gecek, Amy Haag, Robert Henn, Beatrice Jaroszynski, Cynthia Keenan, Dusty Kemple, Amie Koval, Stephanie Kulik, Tim Kubinak,

When the Sayreville War Memorial Jeff Kuczynski, Elizabeth Lang, Tracy Lasko, Eric Lipshetz, Vincent Lombardi, Anthony Mauro, Nicole Midura, Brian Mokar, Eugene Mount, John Mytnick, Tracy Nakielny, Claire Ojeda, Jim Osmond, Arati Patel, Monica O'Toole, Michael Popowski, Monique Randazzo, Dawn Robe, Jennifer Scamardella, Sarah Seminski, William Shaver, Shannon Skarzynski, Kwan Chu Siu, Kristin Sommers, Susan Sprague, Brian Szkodny, Christopher Tirpak, Brianne Vazquez, Jason Wan, Wayne Watson, Jennifer Wojcik, Sheree Wong... As always the school featured numerous sports teams, clubs, programs, and extracurricular activities for the students. The new Peer Leadership program got underway, while the Fall Drama was "A Christmas Carol." The Spring Musical was "Peter Pan." The Homecoming Game was a blast, and Eniko Bartus was chosen Homecoming Queen. MMMBop by Hanson ruled the airwaves at graduation time. There were tears of joy and sadness on Graduation Day as everyone said a final goodbye to Sayreville War Memorial HS and friends, some whom they may never see again. Bonnie Huang and Gregory Stricker were the Class of 1997's co-Valedictorians.



Jan "Man" Williams has been selected Knight of the Year by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426. Congratulations, Jan on this fine honor! (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowictz)

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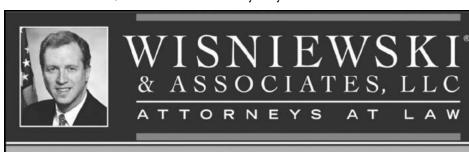
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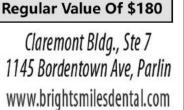
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THE DAY OF INFAMY

By Rich Kosmoski

Within a few weeks we will be remembering the Seventy-Sixth Anniversary of one of the most deadly and cowardly acts of humanity ever to be inflicted on the United States of America. Few are still alive that can remember that day in history and what they were doing when they heard the news. I am talking about the sneak attack by the Japanese Navy against the United States Pacific Fleet and the military bases in and around Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. For three long hours, these areas were ravaged by Japanese torpedo planes, bombers, and fighter planes as wave after wave of these planes came over the mountains with their destructive armament.

The United States was not at war with the Japanese or any other country during this time, nor was it planning to do so. The home port of the United States Pacific Fleet was moved from California to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and was the reason so many ships and personnel were stationed in that area. Pearl Harbor is situated in such a way as to protect all shipping inside the mouth of the harbor from attacks coming from the sea. Being there is only one entrance/exit to the carriers, the largest and most effective ships harbor, it was easily protected. Unfortunately, this prevented many ships from escaping the deadly attack on that fateful day but it would have been fruitless due to the surprise of the attack and the preparations necessary to get these ships underway. Sunday mornings aboard Navy ships is usually a relaxed condition during peacetime. On this particular morning, many of the ship's company were still ashore from Saturday night liberty, preparations were being made for Sunday religious services on board the ships, and sailors who were not on duty/watch were allowed sleep late. For many of these sailors sleeping below decks, this led to their demise.

At 7:40 am on December 7, 1941, the first wave of Japanese attack planes flew over Hawaii and at 7:50am, the deadly attack on Pearl Harbor commenced. Japanese bombers came from the aircraft carriers which were located 230 miles north of Oahu. These aerial attacks continued until all their bombs were dropped on the selected targets. The American military fought bravely and heroically attempting to save their fleet of ships and their fellow sailors. Over 2,200 sailors were killed in the attack, most of them while still sleeping in their bunks below decks. The largest loss of life came from the battleship USS Arizona where 1,177 of her crew were killed and entombed inside their ship.

Within an hour after the first wave of attacks ended, a second wave was launched. The first wave came from the western side of the island while the second wave surprised everyone because it originated from over the mountains on the eastern side of the island. As sailors attempted to rescue those trapped from inside their burning ships and those thrown into the burning fuel fires of the harbor, they were once again brutally beaten down by the incoming bombers.

Americans back in the States woke up declares war on the Japanese.

For how disastrous these attacks were on the United States Pacific Fleet, it could have been worse. You may ask how could that be possible? The Japanese Commander, Admiral Nagumo, had planned this attack for months. Even though he was successful in destroying a large portion of the Pacific Fleet, many of the facilities and ships were left intact. He had hopes that the United states would surrender following these attacks but all that he accomplished was to "Wake a Sleeping



US Navy Veteran Rich Kosmoski and Pearl Harbor Survivor Harry Wasnak saluting the colors at a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. (Photo/ info courtesy of Rich Kosmoski)

in the fleet. These ships were at sea during the attack and sustained no damage whatsoever. This allowed the US Navy to counter attack with its own planes against the warships of the Japanese Navy. Without these carriers, the US Navy could never have been able to get back into the fight for at least a year or more.

The Japanese bombers failed to bomb the Navy oil supply tanks which held millions of gallons of fuel to supply the warships. The Japanese reasoning behind their failure to bomb these targets is that once they were bombed and caught fire, they would emit massive amounts of black smoke. This black smoke would obscure their targets from view and they would not be able to see them.

The third mistake that the Japanese made was by attacking on a Sunday morning. Yes, many sailors were "sleeping in" but many, many more were ashore on liberty for the weekend far away from the attacks in the

After President Roosevelt declared war, American industries re-tooled rapidly to build military equipment and supplies. Almost immediately, men and women enlisted to join the various branches of the military. Factories were working around the clock to build armament, tanks, ships, supplies, and the infamous Jeep. Soon the American forces were on the offensive both in the Pacific and in the European Theater of Operations under General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Would we ever forget this horrendous sneak attack and how could we prevent this from ever happening again? It is almost impossible to forget the events of December 7, 1941, but as time passes, those who were witness to that day pass on, memories fade, and history writes re-writes a new chapter.

Sixty years after the attack on Pearl Harbor it became just a distant memory for so many people. For those who thought on Monday morning, December 8, 1941, to that our mighty country we would never be read the headlines in the newspapers, "Japan brutally attacked as a country again received Declares War on U.S." On that morning, a wake-up call on September 11, 2001. Were President Franklin Roosevelt delivered a we prepared for these attacks? NO! Were we speech to Congress and the world where he surprised that they occurred? YES! What do we do in preparation for the next time? If we fail to recognize and correct the events in history that have caused harm to the United States, we are doomed to repeat it!

On December 7, 2017, we will be remembering those killed in the attack at Pearl Harbor, the event that forced us to enter World War 2. We must remember all our American Patriots who fought in this war, those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their life in the pursuit of freedom and those who returned home with the scars of Giant." What he failed to destroy were the battle, scars that they carried their entire life.

NJ Devils Outing December 29

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary the Buffalo Sabres Friday December 29, 7 727-1707. p.m. at the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved ticket to the

game and \$10 worth of food and beverages. Church and the South Amboy Knights of If you're interested, deadline to purchase Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an tickets is November 22. For more information outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-









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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk





Our Lady of Victories School 5th grade student, Connor Leonard (I) and his team (r) participated and raised \$8,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk on Oct. 22. Connor was diagnosed with Diabetes in 2009, when he was 2 years old, and currently the 10-year old receives 5 shots of insulin and multiple blood tests during the day. Congratulations Team Connor on your excellent fundraiser! (Photos/info submitted)

Comedy Night Fundraiser January 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold a Comedy Night Saturday January 6 to benefit hurricane relief. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Dinner and show tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Comedians feature Donna Vaicels, Tim Hayes, and Sean Morton. For ticket reservations call 201-240-1091.

Microsoft Word for **Beginners**

Sayreville Public Library will be offering this small-group instructional class on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30PM. Attendees must know basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Learn to create, edit, and save documents in Microsoft Word. Use the skills gained in this class to write a letter, craft a resume, or generate a flyer!

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Let's Talk Organic

By Elaine Holton Scott

Everywhere you look, products are declaring they're organic...and every one of those products is priced higher than their inorganic counterparts. Seems like we're undergoing an organic take-over, yet, few of us know what the word, organic, actually means. According to one of the online dictionaries, the definition is, "relating to or derived from living matter." There's a catch, though. Just because you grow fresh vegetables free of any chemically-based fertilizer doesn't mean your garden is organic. Using just one squirt of a bug spray on just one of the garden plants will disqualify all the vegetables growing in that garden from having the organic title...if honesty prevails; that is.

Recently, I saw organic maple syrup being sold in the grocery store, of course, at an inflated price. Since life has taught me to be somewhat cynical, I couldn't help but snicker. Maple syrup is made from than I was before. sap flowing naturally from maple trees, so shouldn't all maple syrups be organic? Nope. After I did some googling online, I learned that there are other qualifiers when it comes to the organic label. Sap may flow freely from those maple trees but the equipment used in processing the maple syrup must never be cleaned with any cleaner containing a chemically produced substance. For that matter, the land upon which the sap-giving maple trees grow must be chemical free ... and it must not be located near any farm plastic containers. Is this a save the earth and using the forbidden fertilizers. Whether it's maple syrup or coffee beans, the guidelines are basically the same.

Has anyone else noticed how organic products keep expanding in ordinary grocery stores? At first, it was just a small section in the produce department. Lately, I've been noticing the organic section has gotten larger than the inorganic section selling, you know, the produce grown the "old way" which all of us have always eaten and lived to tell about it. Of course, that had me wondering about something else which needed to be answered. ("You ask more questions than a Philadelphia lawyer," I was often told as a child). So, I asked the internet the big question of how dangerous it is to eat conventional (inorganic) foods. "There isn't much difference between organic and conventional foods if you're an adult and making a decision based solely on your health," is what I found. I guess that could be interpreted as an "I don't know" answer. After all the online googling I did about this subject, I'm really not much smarter

I realize the importance of saving our precious earth, and think it's wonderful something is being done about it. Yet, I'm also beginning to think the word, organic, on products is also being used by "shysters" just to sell items which are anything but organic. Come on...isn't organic facial tissues, castor oil, supplements, kids bedding (etc., etc.) sort

***Recently, I saw organic cottage cheese being sold in non-biodegradable destroy it at the same time kind of thing?? HAPPY THANKSGIVING, EVERYONE!!!

Walking Warriors!



Cathy Keays (I) and Mary Theresa Hayden Boychuk participated and completed the Avon Breast Cancer Walk in New York City on Oct. 14-15 for a total of 39 miles. The walkers raised over \$6.4 million, and this will be used to support breast cancer education, screening, and diagnosis, life-saving research and access to treatments. They would like to thank everyone for their support in helping them go above the suggested fundraising requirements, as well as the well wishes from everyone during the walk. (Photo/info courtesy of Cathy Keays)

Trip to The Ark and Creation Museum

a trip to the Ark and the Creation Museum from May 7 - 11, 2018. The price of the trip is \$690.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise and a German dinner with

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring entertainment at the Hofbrau Haus. Also included in the price is admission to the Ark and the Creation Museum, a guided tour of Cincinnati, Ohio and much more. For further information or to reserve a space on this trip please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.



Thanking Our Veterans: County Links Vets to Jobs and Services

(Photos/info submitted)



Middlesex County opened the doors for veterans to jobs, training and other opportunities at its second Veterans Jobs and Resources Fair held Nov. 2 in Sayreville.

Dozens of employers from in-demand occupations such as advanced manufacturing and healthcare conducted on-site interviews and discussed opportunities at their

The free event, held at VFW Post 4699 in Sayreville, also included one-on-one resume review sessions and career counseling. Information on job training, housing and other social services was provided by County and State representatives.

"Middlesex County is committed to providing priority services to our veterans, including job placement and vocational training," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "Our Jobs and Resources Fair is one way we can thank our brave servicemen and women for protecting us and our freedoms."



Eve Party on Friday, December 29 from 12 to

1:30 pm! We'll read a story, share our 2018

resolutions, create festive party hats and have

our very own balloon ball drop. Don't miss out on this end of year celebration!

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To learn about upcoming library

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Holiday Fun At Dowdell Library

(Article submitted) Kids! Can't stay up late enough to see the

Celebrate the holiday season with a winter wonderland of events including the ball drop? Celebrate the Eve of New Year's Holiday Open House, Breville Oven Cooking Workshop and Eve of New Year's Eve Party at the Dowdell Library.

Ring in the holiday season at the community's annual Holiday Open House with the "Rhythm N' Sound" 50's Band on Monday, December 4 from 6-8 pm. Join in programs, signup for the monthly eNewsletter for holiday cheer, refreshments, and many other surprises including having the chance to win an Amazon Kindle! Who knows, maybe Santa will stop by!

Teens and Adults! Stop in for a hands on cooking class Monday, December 11 from 3-4 pm as we use the Breville Oven to "bake" and decorate holiday cookies, just in time for the holiday season.

Tricky Tray-Dec. 3

Laurence Harbor. Tickets are on sale now 721-3774.

The St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society for \$10. Doors open at 1 p.m. and calling is sponsoring a Tricky Tray on Dec. 3, at begins at 2:30 p.m. For more info or tickets the Parish Center, 109 Laurence Parkway, call Maria at 732-290-3002 or Karen 732-

Happy Birthday!



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien gives Happy Birthday wishes to the youngest in attendance, John Bernosky (1) and the oldest in attendance Addy Derubis (r) at the Mayor's quarterly birthday party, which is held at the Sayreville Senior Center. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowictz)







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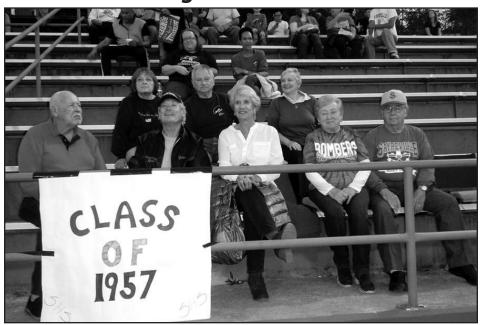
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60th High School Reunion



Several members of the Sayreville H.S. Class of 1957 got together and cheered for their alma mater at the Sayreville vs. Piscataway football game.



60th Reunion-Sayreville Class of '57 held its 60th Reunion at MJ's Buttonwo0d Manor in Matawan. Everyone had a great time.

Sayreville H.S. Class of '57 Reunion

The Sayreville High School, Class of 1957, 60th reunion was held at MJ's Buttonwood Manor on October 7, 2017. Our High School was at 10 Dane Street in Sayreville, and we had a graduating class

of approximately 130. Of that number we had 35 classmates attend, and along with wives, husbands or friends we turned out 55 attendees. Give credit to Betty Dunn Triggs for setting this up along with help from Barbara Fritz Peterson and Margaret Zamorski Zaleski. We had attendees from Florida, Virginia and West Virginia. Most were from the immediate area.

We had about 20 members who had other arrangements, about 20 who did not respond and about 15 members who we do not know their whereabouts. Unfortunately, we know that at least 39 have passed.

Some of us Betty Dunn-Triggs with husband Joe, Pat Wrobe -Gnizdowski, Scott me got together and enjoyed a pizza party at Nunzio's Kitchen prior to attending the football game with Piscataway. It was a Bob Reess at: Bob@BobReess.com. disappointing loss but we all had fun.

Class member Bob Reess said, "I personally had a good time addressing the 2 month old installation of the USAF Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps that was started just this year at SWMHS. While in the USAF, I flew the C-5A Galaxy and maybe some of these cadets will get to pilot the largest cargo aircraft in our military, which will continue in the inventory until well into 2040 as an upgraded aircraft now called the C-5M Super Galaxy. I also participated in the Hit the Bricks 5K trail run to support Sayreville BIC.

Class members with whom we have lost track or can't locate are Patricia Cotton Bishop, Marilyn Everson, Frances German, Robert Gdula, William Harkins, Jacquelin Howerin, Margaret Kiefer, Louis Kupka, John Lynch, Richard Markulin, Charles Mitzenius, Marie Novak, Robert Smith, Patricia Peer-Woodruff, Richard Perkins, Barbara Pertiko, Van Why, John Tremel and wife Gail, and Linda Powers, Barbara Shuberda and Howard Revnolds.

If anyone knows their whereabouts or Sayreville War Memorial High School where they can be contacted, please email

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Local Businesses Win Awards

Many South Amboy/Sayreville Fittings by Sheila, South Amboy. businesses have been chosen as awardwinners in the Home News Tribune Readers Choice Awards 2017. Selected as the Best: Best BBQ-Big Harlies BBQ, Sayreville; Best BYOB-Nunzio's Kitchen, Sayreville; Best Italian Food-Nunzio's Kitchen, Sayreville; Best Pizza-Nunzio's Kitchen, Sayreville; Best Steakhouse-Texas Roadhouse, Parlin; Best Bar/Nightclub-Lagoda's Saloon, South Amboy; Best Ambulance Squad-Morgan First Aid Squad, Morgan; Best Bank/ Financial Institution-Amboy Bank (20 years in a row); Best Builder-Robert Downey General Contractor, Sayreville; Best Pet Services-Poochie Doo All Breed Grooming. South Amboy; Best Antiques-The Green Elephant Estate Sales; Best Clothing Store-

Dining-Nunzio's Kitchen, Sayreville; Family Friendly-Nunzio's Kitchen, Sayreville; Happy Hour-Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse, Parlin; Pizza-Delio's, South Amboy; Steakhouse-Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse, Parlin; Park-Waterfront Park-South Amboy/

Sayreville; Place to Listen to Live Music-Starland Ballroom, Sayreville; Car Wash-Posh Car Wash & Express Oil Change, South Amboy; Florist-Jacqueline Florist, South Amboy; Hair Salon-The Hair Shop, South Amboy; Health/Fitness Club-Total Core Fitness, Sayreville; Nail Salon-Star Nails, South Amboy; Tattoo Parlor-Broadway Tattoo Lounge, South Amboy; Another Tattoo Shop, South Amboy. Congratulations to all!











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New First Aid Squad Members





New members of the South Amboy First Aid Squad are pictured in training. The new members were recently welcomed, and received training in basic first aid and CPR, plus they were allowed to ride the ambulance and assist EMTs on emergency calls. Pictured in top photo left, Channe Semexant, Nadia Barcheski and Bryonna Tierney joined as cadet members, and practice cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills. In bottom photo Patricia Durning and Ramble Ankumak joined as regular members and are seen practicing dressing and bandaging wounds. (Photos/ Info Submitted)

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

With the holidays fast approaching, it is a good time to remind everyone about fire safety in the kitchen. Some of the basic lessons we teach children while they are in the kitchen is to never play in front or around the stove when someone is cooking. In demonstrating some of the educational material to the children, we show and discuss unsafe acts and the resulting consequences. We show them how a pot handle facing out in front of the stove can be easily struck with a child's waving hands thus spilling boiling hot liquid on them causing painful burns. We show them items strewn about the countertop and near the stove and how easily a dish towel or roll of paper towels can catch fire. Sometimes in the hustle-bustle of holiday cooking, fire safety is overlooked and you may be reminded by your child of an unsafe act. Kitchen fires are one oven the door and see what is inside. Maybe of the leading causes of house fires, mostly you stored something inside and forgot about from unattended cooking which we in the it or someone else in your family stored

Those of you who have been avid followers of the "Smoke Column" know that most of my articles are of a serious nature and writing about first responders and fire safety. I would like to divert from that a bit and give you a first-hand story that I know you will enjoy.

Since Thanksgiving is just a week away, I want to tell you of an experience I had a few years back. It was early Thanksgiving Day morning and a young woman was preparing her first Thanksgiving Dinner. She had invited her family and in-laws to this soon-to-be spectacular event. She spent the previous week shopping for the big bird and all the trimmings that went with it. The fancy china was all sparkling clean, and the silverware was polished. She really wanted to make an impression on the families and show off her culinary skills. Since the dinner was planned for late in the afternoon, it wasn't necessary to get up early and get the bird in the oven. She figured out her timing and the bird was to enter the oven at 10:00 am. As Paul Harvey would say, "And now the rest of the story".

At approximately 9:30 am, the young woman preheated the oven in preparation for the bird. At approximately 9:50 am we received a fire alarm for a working kitchen fire. Upon arrival heavy black smoke was pouring out the doors and windows and traveling throughout the entire house, but there were no flames or visible fire. This black acrid smoke gave off an odor like no other. Unfortunately, she had not used the oven in some time and found it to be a good place to store her Tupperware. Now you know what happens to Tupperware when it is heated to 4000 for 20 minutes. Good intentions by this young woman turned into embarrassment as reservations were quickly made to eat out at a local restaurant.

If you haven't used your oven in a while, fire service refer to as a "culinary disaster". something. Nothing ruins a well-planned dinner more than a culinary disaster.

Soon, most people will be decorating their homes for the Christmas season. Before using those electrical lights, trees, and displays, inspect them for damage that may have occurred since the last time they were used. Storing them in the attic causes the insulation to deteriorate, short out the wires, and cause a fire. Don't overload circuits or run extension cords in a dangerous and unsafe manner.

Catholic War Veterans Meeting

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, NJ request the following information be published in the October, 2017 edition.

Monday, December 4, 2017 1:00 PM, Membership Meeting, Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy **Veterans Day Memorial Service**

(Photos by Tom Burkard)





Mayor Fred Henry thanks veterans for their service and remembers those who died serving our country.



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin (r) addresses the crowd, while Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (I) looks on.



American Legion members fire 21-gun salute in honor of all veterans.

Past Business



This business was located on the block between North Pine Ave. and David St. in South Amboy during the 1960's and 70's. Can anyone help us with the name of the establishment?

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Pictured (l-r) at ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the addition of a new traffic signal and road improvements at Main St. and White Oaks Lane in Sayreville are (l-r) Freeholder Charles Kenny, Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios, Sayreville Councilwoman Mary J. Novak, Freeholder Deputy Director Charles E. Tomaro.

Safety First: County, Sayreville Celebrate **New Traffic Signal, Road Improvements**

(Photo/article submitted)

Oaks Lane in Sayreville is now safer for motorists and pedestrians with the addition road improvements in the immediate area.

shared by the County and the Borough of Sayreville.

In addition to the new traffic signal, improvements included the widening, milling and paving of roadways; drainage

The intersection at Main Street and White improvements; concrete curbs and sidewalks; and roadway and crosswalk striping.

"Now, Main Street and White Oaks Drive of a new traffic signal and the completion of will be more navigable during all kinds of weather, easier to cross and safer to drive The \$877,000 cost of this project was on. It's a great example of our County's continuing dedication to public safety," said Freeholder Director Rios. "I thank my Freeholder colleagues, our County staff, the Borough of Sayreville and NJDOT for partnering on this project."

A South Amboy Nurse Lost at Sea?

By John "Flip" Phillips

nurse for the American Red Cross Overseas school, attended Immaculate Conception Unit, boarded a ship with nine other nurses for the long trip across the Atlantic Ocean to volunteer their services to the hard-pressed people of England. They were headed into a "war zone" as England was fighting for survival. German bombers were pounding them night and day under the Blitz. England was looking for all the help they could get, and many American men and women made that hazardous trip across the ocean to help. On the way over the ship the nurses were sailing on was torpedoed by a German submarine (July 9th?). Nothing was heard about survivors until the Red Cross was informed that four of the nurses were rescued. There was no word concerning the other six nurses, and they were presumed lost or still adrift at sea. Helen was one of the six still missing. On July 18th her aunt Mrs. W Grembowtz (Augusta Street) received a cablegram from Helen telling her she was safe and sound in London. The thinking at that time was that they were picked up by a small vessel that did not have wireless radio capabilities, and reported in several July 1941 issues of the had to wait until they reached England to report the rescue.

On June 5th, 1941 Helen Jurewicz, a She graduated from Sacred Heart grammar HS in Lodi (her sister was a Nun in the Immaculate Conception Order), and she also attended Hoffman HS to complete the studies needed to go into nursing. She attended and completed her training to be a nurse at the New York Metropolitan Hospital. She became a member of the nursing staff at the hospital, and eventually became an instructor. She then volunteered to join the Red Cross Overseas Nursing Unit to take the hazardous journey across the Atlantic to help a country badly in need of medical help.

There the story ends as we know it. One must wonder, what became of Helen? Did she see the war out in England? Did she return to South Amboy? What kind of career and life did she have? What stories she could tell after experiencing the war up close. If anyone out there can add something/anything to what is a very interesting story about a brave young lady from the Pleasant Little City, please let us know and I will gladly continue the story.

The story of Helen's "adventure" was South Amboy Citizen. If you are interested in learning some of the history of the "Pleasant Helen Jurewicz was 29 when she set Little City", I recommend you give the South sail for England. She was born and raised Amboy Library Archives a look. The old in South Amboy. Her parents were Mr. and South Amboy Citizen and the South Amboy/ Mrs. Thomas Jurewicz, and they lived on Sayreville Times have some interesting

When Tomorrow **Becomes Today**

By D. Brys

Haven't got the time today for fun, I'll come over when I get done. Oh I wish I had changed my tune, The sun will now be setting soon. What was so important I did this day? You know I really cannot say! And nothing will ever bring the day back, Therefore I'll have to get back on track. That is why it does no good to procrastinate, So don't wait! We all need to find time to play,

For tomorrow's too soon become today's!



Healthy Thanksgiving Dishes

Hosted by Mobile Family Success, Chef Chrissy, from the Elijah's Promise Culinary School, will demonstrate how to make a healthy Thanksgiving dinner at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:00PM. While free and open to the public, registration at www.sayrevillelibrary.org is suggested due to limited space.

Microsoft Excel for **Beginners**

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SUCCESS STARTS HERE

The Vintage Bombers celebrate a B division Championship in the Middlesex County Senior League. Bottom row left to right Frank O'Leary, Bill D'Amico, Steve Mahn, Frank Bracht, Ed Muroski, Ed Last, Chris Heil. Second Row Left to Right. Tom Noel, Pat Douglas, Rich Osnato, Dennis McGuire, Tim Reardon, Bolivar Rosario, Harry Polihrom, Pat Barney. Back row left to right, Dennis Ahearn, Kent McFadden, Phil Brennan, Chuck Prusakowski, Steve Samra. Missing from Photo. Dave Haltli. (Photo/Info courtesy of Patrick Douglas)

Vintage Bombers Win Championship

By Patrick Douglas

Congratulations to the Vintage Bombers for winning the 2017 Senior League B Division Championship by defeating Cooney's Tavern in a best of 3 series, 2 games to 1. Winning pitchers were Steve Mahn and Dennis Ahearn. Cooney's took game one 12-11. The Bombers won the 2nd game on a WALK OFF home run by Mahn. The third game was also taken by the Bombers 13-6. The Vintage Bombers finished the season at 21-7 and beat The Giants in the Opening round before facing a very good Cooney's team in the Championship. The Vintage Bombers are managed by Ed Last.

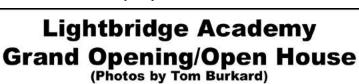


From Everyone The SA Times

Trip to American Music Theater

trip to American Music Theater on Thursday, snacks on the bus. For further information May 3, 2018 to see Songs of the Silver or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at Screen. The price of the trip is \$125.00 which 732-727-7639. includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple,

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and





Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (c) gets assistance from two young children, as he cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening/Open House.



Pictured in a spacious, state-of-the-art classroom, after touring the new school, are (I-r) Jessica Cotugno, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, Director Michelle Koehl (holding Anya Patel), and Founder/CEO Guy Falzarano.



The Lightbridge Academy staff, family and others in attendance for the Grand Opening/Open House in Sayreville. (Photo courtesy of Frank Musarra)

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St. Stan's School (Photos/Info Submitted)



Religion club students sort donations from the school community to participate in the Hurricane Maria Donation Drive that was sponsored by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office.



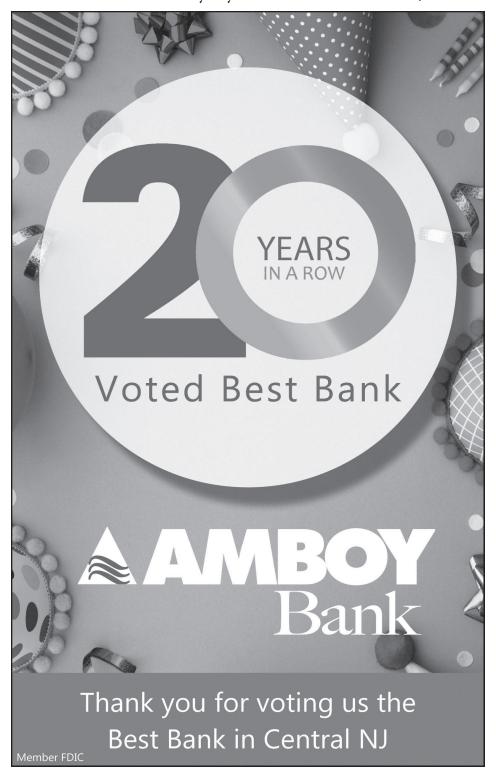
Bishop Checchio congratulates student representatives during the World Mission Sunday Family Celebration Mass on Oct. 22nd. St. Stan's School is one of the top three Missionary Childhood schools in the Diocese of Metuchen awarded for outstanding commitment to the Church's missionary activity.



Ella Poulsen (Cruella de Vil), right and Elena Malinconico, Principal, lead the school in the school's Halloween parade.



All students participated in the Keep Sayreville Litter Free program on October 17th.





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Photos by Brian Stratton



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"Runaway", "Run Around Sue" and "Abraham, Martin and John were just a few of the hits performed in tribute to Dion.



This trio of Divas did a great job singing the songs of Martha Reeves, Ronnie Spector and many more of the fabulous girl groups of the 60's.



Music Trivia Pets & Animals

1b 2g 3e 4i 5h 6c 7j 8a 9d 10f. Slamsuy

By Tom Burkard

- 1. Teddy Bear
- 2. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- 3.__What's New Pussycat?
- 4.__Cats In The Cradle
- 5.__Eye Of The Tiger
- 6.__When Doves Cry
- 7.__Fly Like An Eagle
- 8. Horse With No Name
- 9.__Hungry Like The Wolf 🔎
- 10._Wild Horses





party, a Happy Birthday. Joe, who is a talented entertainer, played in local bands back in the 1950's and 1960's, and continues to bring happiness to all at the Sayreville Senior Center with his gift of music. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowictz)

#1 Pop Hits-Nov. 18

2004-My Boo-Usher & Alicia Keys 1995-Fantasy-Mariah Carey 1983-All Night Long-Lionel Richie 1977-You Light Up My Life-Debby Boone 1962-Big Girls Don't Cry-The 4 Seasons 1959-Mr. Blue-The Fleetwoods

#1 Country Hits Nov. 18

2005-Better Life-Keith Urban 1999-I Love You-Martina McBride 1988-Runaway Train-Rosanne Cash 1972-My Man-Tammy Wynette 1967-It's The Little Things-Sonny James 1958-City Lights-Ray Price

Open Mic Nov. 24

Council 426 hold their next Open Mic Friday amps and drums are provided. Refreshments November 24 at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. are also available. For more information call South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you can 732-721-2025.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus sing or play in a band, please come. Speakers,

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Country Music-Old Dominion has some back to the 60's, give a listen to "Yellow great stuff to listen/watch including "Break Up Balloon" by a group called, what else, The With Him," "Snapback," "Song For Another Yellow Balloon, which featured actor Don Time."..Brian Fallon, a Jersey Shore rocker Grady, who starred as Robby Douglas on and good buddy of "The Boss," released a "My Three Sons.".. How about Dino, Desi new song "Forget Me Not," which is worth checking out.

& The Daytonas have some cool, summersounding songs that were really good. They only had 2 Top 40 hits, "G.T.O." which peaked Lovin' Kind, #25 also in '65. A song that at #4 in '64, and "Sandy," a #27 hit in '66. Other songs to check out by this group from the one by Lou Rawls) which deserves a Oklahoma are "Baby Say No" from 1966, listen/look... and "I'll Think Of Summer"...and going

& Billy, a teenage trio from California, led by Dino Martin (son of Dean Martin), and 1960's-One very underrated band, Ronny Desi Arnaz Jr. (son of Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball). They had 2 Top 40 hits, with "I'm A Fool" reaching #17 in 1965, and "Not The should have made it was "Lady Love," (not

Holiday Vendor Village

presents a Holiday Vendor Village (to coincide with the South Amboy Tree lighting). The www.southamboyarts.org date is Nov. 29, 5pm - 8pm at the Broadway

The Arts District of South Amboy Gallery, 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy. For more info call 732.316.0222 or visit

Girl Scouts Give Thanks





Sayreville South Amboy Girl Scout Cadette Troop 80768 is pictured at their community service evening at St. Vincent de Paul Food Party at Sacred Heart Church. The girls from Troop 80678 spent the evening decorating bags for Thanksgiving Care bags for local families. (Photos/info submitted)

School Sports (As of Nov. 5)

By Tom Burkard

Team Leaders Boys Soccer

Sayreville (12-6)

Goals-Zachary Colgan 19 Frankie Astarita 14 Alex Meza-Navarro 8.

Assists-Astarita 12 Tyler Barreiro 8 Colgan 6. Saves-Michael Philip 81 Brian Marra 17. **South Amboy (10-8-1)**

Goals-Daniel Pena 17 Daniel "Pocho" Pena 14 Jonathan Yepes 9.

Assists-Daniel Pena 8 "Pocho" Pena 7 Jake Szatkowski 6.

Saves-Lance Pierce 143.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (12-6)

3-way tie for 1st place in the GMC White Division with (11-3) record.

Goals-Jacqueline Ventricelli 18 Lauren Attardi 13 Eliza David 7.

Assists-Attardi 7 Samantha Szymanski 7 David 6.

Saves-Jordan Wilson 175 Rebeca Barbosa 28. South Amboy (2-17)

Goals-Jessica Henry 7 Alexa Noon 7 Aryane Rodrigues 2.

Assists-Nadia Barcheski 4 Lauren Breigle 3 Henry 3.

Saves-Sarah Knapik 327.

Boys Cross Country

South Amboy (1-4)

Sayreville (0-1) **Girls Cross Country**

Sayreville (1-0)

South Amboy (1-3)

Field Hockey

Sayreville (1-15)

Goals-Michelle Burda 3 Ashley Edwards 3 Sara Gulick 1.

Assists-Rose Tomaszewski 1 Edwards 1. Saves-Megan Polomene 165 Julia Capriglione 14 Jenna DeMild 1.

Najjar Returns To Coaching

Former Sayreville Bombers football head coach George Najjar is back in football again for the first time since 2014. The legendary New Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Famer is the defensive coordinator for defending state champion, Mater Dei Prep.

While at the helm at Sayreville, he built a county and state powerhouse team, which won 4 NJSIAA Sectional titles, including 3 in a row from 2010-1012. His standout record at Sayreville was (165-54), and prior to arriving at Bomberland, he coached in New York, and his teams racked up a record of (94-32-1).

Breaking Records!



Congratulations to South Amboy resident Dennis Noon, Jr. for breaking the school record for most goals scored in a season at East Brunswick Vo-Tech. During the last game of the year, he broke the school record scoring his 17th goal with less than 25 minutes to go in the 2nd half. What a great way to finish the season. His family, friends, and coaches are all very proud! (Photo/Info Submitted)











Bombers Fall In GMCT

#1 seeded East Brunswick girls soccer club stunned #8 Sayreville, 6-1 in the GMCT quarterfinals. Jacqueline Ventricelli scored for the Bombers. In the opening round, the Blue & Gray nipped #9 seeded Spotswood, 4-3, as Megan Furbush scored a goal and had an assist, Lauren Attardi, Stephanie DeOcampo and Ventricelli added a goal each towards the victory.

Hightstown Tops Sayreville

In a CJ Group 4 first round girls soccer game, #12 Hightstown upset #5 seeded Sayreville, 6-2. Lauren Attardi and Eliza David scored for the Bombers.

Freehold Twp. Tops Bombers

In CJ Group 4 boys soccer, first round action, Freehold Twp. stopped Sayreville 6-0.

South Amboy Wins In CJ Group 1

The South Amboy boys soccer squad, seeded #10 nipped #7 Piscataway Tech 5-4 in a CJ Group 1 opening round contest. Jonathan Yepes burned the nets for 3 goals, while Kasper Gurdak and Daniel Pena added 1 each for the Guvs...In the quarterfinals, SA was eliminated by a strong Asbury Park contingent, 9-2.

Sayreville Football **Update**

The Bombers romped to a 48-7 victory over Neptune. Connor Holmes led the scoring with 2 touchdowns. Jacari Carter raced 97 yards on a punt return for a TD. Zuriel Wright broke loose for a 58-yd. TD jaunt, and Sayvon Kirksay turned in a nice 25-yard touchdown.

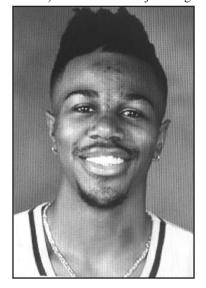
Old Bridge nipped Sayreville 22-21 in overtime on a 2-point conversion by Chancellor Cooper. Connor Holmes scored 2 TD's on runs of 1 and 5 yards for the Bombers. Quarterback Mark Whitford also connected on a 19-yard scoring strike to Clark. Nick Milewski booted 3 extra points for our locals. The Bombers now stand at (5-4).

Offense Leaders: Connor Holmes 160 carries for 1,079 yards and 13 Touchdowns; quarterback Mark Whitford 67 completions in 111 attempts for 802 yards, and 8 TD's; Jacari Carter has 931 all-purpose yards; Elijah Clark has 165 yards and 3 receiving touchdowns.

The top tacklers are Colton Redding 82 Mike Germann 70 Damian Lupo 61 Tristan Behr 59 Antwan Golson 56 Savon Kirksey 48.

College Notebook

Corey Taite (Sayreville) should have a big season for Goldey-Beacom College (Delaware). The talented junior guard



averaged 10.4 last season, and 13.9 as a freshman. He is a member of the Sayreville HS elite 1,000 points club... Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) expects to see a lot more action on the basketball court this season for Holy Cross University...Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Joseph's) averaged 11.6 points per game for FDU last season, and has transferred to Loyola-Chicago where his many talents will be welcome



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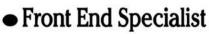


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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1972 Champions-The South Amboy Babe Ruth League All-Star team captured the Middlesex County Junior Baseball championship. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Mark Clark, John D. O'Toole, Ray Poulson, Bob Stillwagon, Tom Mulcahy, Dennis Carey, Kevin Homan. Top row (l-r) Coach Russ Stillwagon, Coach Ray Stockton, Joe Kolakowski, Steve Boychuk, Steve Makwinski, Jeff St. Amour, Glenn Gerding, Coach Jim Campion, Mgr. Jack Hulsart. Missing from photo-Charlie Lange.

Champions



1962-St. Mary's High School C.Y.O. Amboy Area Basketball champions are pictured bottom (l-r) George Keenan, Tom Ryan, Bob Monaghan, George Stramback, Gerry O'Connor. Top row (l-r) Bill Henry, John Norek, Father Brembos (Athletic Moderator), John Dennen, Pete Waters. Missing from photo: Coach Jim O'Connell, Dennis Harkins, John Starzynski, Rick Ferguson.

Back In Those College Days

Ken Drwal (Sayreville)-track & field at University of Nebraska...Ramon Leak (Sayreville)-football at East Stroudsburg State College...

St. Mary's Won **OLV Tourney**

1984-St. Mary's Grammar School girls won the OLV Tournament, defeating the tourney host. 48-39. MVP Lisa Smith fired in 17 points and had 10 steals, as the Saints ran their record to a perfect II-0...

Mother/Daughter Run Marathon At D.C.



Brianne Gonsalves (l) and her mother Carol Richiusa of South Amboy are pictured running at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.

Brianne Gonsalves and her mother, Carol Richiusa of South Amboy recently ran 26.2 mile in the Marine Corps Marathon at Washington, D.C. Brianne proudly said that, "My mother, Carol Richiusa, is an inspiration to not only myself, but to every human she comes in contact with. Her smile is contagious and her energy immediately lights up any room she walks into. One month after her 50th birthday in 2013, she decided to run her first 5k race. Four years later, she has finished 3 full marathons, 20+ half marathons and too



Carol Richiusa (l) and her daughter Brianne Gonsalves are pictured after finishing the Marine Corps Marathon at Washington, D.C.

many 10k's and 5k's to count! On Sunday, October 22, 2017 I had the honor to run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. with my mother. Running 26.2 miles with my mother was an experience I will never forget, especially while being cheered on by the supporters in Washington D.C. We ran with pride, showing respect for the troops that support and protect our country." Congratulations Carol and Brianne! (Photos/ info submitted)

T.H.E. Game Year-1993 Sport-Boys Soccer

Teams-St. Mary's vs. Hoffman (Governor's Cup) as it was initially called, and later renamed (Mayor's Cup).

Recap-Eagles' standout, Mike Russo scored 3 goals, all in the 2nd half to account for all of the game's scoring, as St. Mary's won 3-0. Leo McCabe and Dan Krulikowski assisted on 2 of Russo's goals.

Mary's.

Little Fellas Champions

1966-Progressive captured the South Amboy Little Fellas League championship. Coached by Jim Campbell Sr. and Bob Eppinger, the team consisted of Mark Abbatiello, Rudy Neumann, Joe Graber, Larry Fratto, Dave Wisniewski, Fred Chodkiewicz, Tim Dill, Kevin Loftus, Tom DeLucia, Mike Astarita, Dan Prasnal.

Russo Led County In Scoring

1993-St. Mary's boys soccer phenom, Mike Russo won the county scoring title with 67 points. His 30 goals also was a #1 ranking. In a 13-1 wipe out over Piscataway Tech, he blasted in 9 goals to easily set a school single game scoring record, and also dished out 2 assists. Despite the heroics of Mike Russo, the Eagles finished with a (6-8) record.

Champion Cheerleaders

1963-St. Mary's C.Y.O. cheerleaders won their second straight Trenton Diocese Cheerleading Tournament title. Earlier in the year, they also captured 1st place in the Hudson County Tournament. The girls were coached by Theresa Schwarick and Lena Kennedy, and co-captains were Lenore Carroll and Paulette Nehila. Kathy Macholl was awarded the "Miss Yell" title at the Hudson County Tourney. Other outstanding cheerleaders were Rosanne Cross, Susan Clark, Eileen Norek, Geneva Lucovitz, Mary Ferguson, Donna Chuilli, Judy Kozlowski, Lucille Coan, Nancy O'Donnell.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1964-Hoffman dropped Monmouth, 73-62 in boys hoops. Dennis Wood poured in 25 points, Jerry Drill 24, and Ted Reick 12. 1975-Red Bank Catholic blasted St. Mary's boys basketball team, 65-48. John Miller fired in 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Mike Cleary pumped in 12 points for the Eagles.

1995-Sayreville field hockey team beat Monroe, 3-0 on a 1-save shutout by Lauren Eberhardt. Tabitha Roybal, Melinda Caro and Trisha Roberts scored a goal each for the Bombers. 2002-South Amboy smashed St. Peter's 81, as Jared Gonsalves and Pablo Penagos each scored 2 goals and had 2 assists. 1984-Sayreville girls basketball team jolted J.P. Stevens, 53-22, as Terry Lockwood, Rachelle Rompola, and Patty Cumber tossed in 10 points apiece.

75 Years Ago... 1942-The Sayreville Bombers fell to Leonardo, 19-6 despite a 50-yard touchdown strike to Rufie Anderson.

70 Years Ago...

Columbus Day Football Classic

1947-St. Mary's hammered Hoffman, 26-0 in their annual Columbus Day Football Classic. Alfie O'Connor raced around left end for the first touchdown in the opening quarter. The Eagles scored two TD's in the second quarter, when Bob Kenny fired a scoring strike to Jerry Hoban. Jack McKeon also broke loose for a 12-yard touchdown run, Player-of-the-Game-Mike Russo, St. and passed to Jack Noble for the extra point to put the Saints on top, 19-0. Quarterback Kenny fired another TD to Hoban, and McKeon passed to Hoban for the extra point, and final scoring of the contest.

The rosters were: St. Mary's-Hoban Bud Larkin Jerry Connors, Bill "Biff" McKeon, Jack O'Toole, John Antonio, Jack Noble, Stockton, O'Connor, Mario Birardi, Jack McKeon, Carney, Kenny, Kress, Lyons, Jensen, Creed, Claffy, Scupp, Mike Kelly, Miller. Hoffman-Hank Miglin, Binder, Alexander, Frank Miglin, Wray, Larue, Haslacher, Wisniewski, Frank Zebro, Kowaleski, Stochel, Gadanovich, Jack Zawacki.

60 Years Ago...

1957-Sayreville lefty, Ed Paprota fired a beautiful no-hitter against St. Mary's, besting Tom Pristavec, who threw a 1-hitter, by a score of 2-0.

45 Years Ago...

1972-Sayreville's Steve Makwinski fired a brilliant no-hitter, as the Bombers topped New Brunswick, 4-0.

40 Years Ago...

1977-Sayreville girls softball team was defeated, 11-1 by Passaic in the Group IV state championship.

The Bombers were under the guidance of 7th year coach Pat Willis.

25 Years Ago...

Oct. 31, 1992-The Sayreville field hockey team captured the GMCT championship, downing South Plainfield, 1-0. Janet Browning scored the only goal of the game at 4:18 in the first half. Jamie Garbowski's shot bounced off the right goal post, and Browning got the ball and drove through 2 defenders to score. The victory was extra sweet for Coach Sherry Popowski as her club had lost in the GMCT finals for the previous 4 years. The Bombers upped their record to (14-0-1)

20 Years Ago...

1997-St. Mary's baseball nine shocked South Amboy, 8-3, as winning pitcher Brian Moy fired a 4-hitter. Nick Sas had a huge game with a single, 2 doubles, and 4 RBI, and Art Laudier added 2 RBI. Vinnie Sendziak blasted a 2-run double for the Guvs.

15 Years Ago...

2002-Spotswood topped a determined Cardinal McCarrick football squad, 14-7. Kevon Green scored on a 1-yard TD, and Jarslow Kozlowski rushed 7 times for 55



Halloween Champions!



The Sayreville Scorepions (yes, with an "e") a U13 travel soccer team captured the Mt. Olive Halloween Tournament championship by defeating Warren, and also Bridgewater to claim the title. Congratulations Scorepions!

An American Hero Sergeant Major Francis J. Dooling

Frank Dooling, was born in South to return fire on a hostile force. Amboy in 1926. His mother Blanche Dooling, was widowed and had six children and was later recommended by his superiors a without any assistance (no social security in those days). Frank's father Edward Dooling, a tugboat Captain worked the NY harbor, died when Frank was 10 years of age.

Frank left St. Mary's High School and joined the Merchant Marines in 1944 at the young age of 17 during World War II. He traveled the Atlantic Ocean in supply boats supporting the allies during the war. After his tour was up, he returned home and lived and worked in NJ continuing helping out his family.

Frank grew up quickly, he did not have any other choice. After bouncing from job to job in South Amboy, Frank joined the US Army in 1946, assigned to the Infantry serving in the United States and Germany. While stationed in Germany Frank enjoyed traveling throughout the continent of Europe while on leave.

Frank left the Army and returned home to South Amboy. While home, Frank took his first airplane ride to Havana, Cuba in the 40's where he participated in gambling, cigars and a few of the other finer things of life. After experiencing numerous jobs and not finding anything enjoyable or challenging, he realized he had made a mistake by leaving the Army and rejoined the Army again at the age of 32. Frank was a serious person, by the book soldier but had a lot of fun while off duty and on leave. He loved traveling to new lands, preferring overseas assignments than being stationed in the states. While he was serving his country throughout the world he received his GED and went on to receive three college degrees, two Bachelor of Science degrees from New York University and the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Thomas Edison College. He was very proud of these accomplishments, always bettering himself, displaying them proudly in his home in South Amboy.

He quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Artillery. He went to Vietnam, receiving a Silver Star (third highest medal), a Bronze at Arlington National Cemetery with full Star, and the Purple Heart during his tour of duty. Frank was humble, never bragged about his acts of heroism while he lead his troops during an all out attack by the Viet Cong, being credited for saving the lives of numerous men under his command and commanding his men

Frank was recognized as a true leader new assignment in military intelligence. His commanders realized that Frank possessed integrity, smarts, discipline, courage and respect.

Frank rose to the rank of Special Agent in Charge in various assignments in Thailand and Korea, culminating as the Special Agent in Charge for the entire country of South Korea. Frank was promoted to the highest rank in the Army for an enlisted member to Sergeant Major. He was most proud of the Legion of Merit medal he received for his service during his career in the Army, from his superiors. (The Legion of Merit (LOM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces that is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements)

During his military career and afterwards, Frank traveled the world. He did extensive traveling in the United States, Europe and Asia during his active career. Upon mandatory retirement from the Army, he became a teacher and coach for the American High School outside of Seoul, Korea for a couple of years. Frank took up writing articles for the South Amboy/Sayreville Times and Home News Tribune under the guise of Frank Hunt to remain anonymous. He returned home to South Amboy and continued his love of reading, history and travel. His journeys and adventure have taken him to Central America, South America, Africa and Asia. His favorite places were in Southeast Asia, most notably the Philippines and Thailand, staying months at a time enjoying the food, culture, beaches and relationships he developed.

Frank Dooling was a tough-nosed individual who grew up the hard way, earning everything he had ever gotten. He was a self made man who worked diligently as a loyal dedicated American serving his country with honor and distinction. Frank Dooling is someone everyone can look up to and honor.

Sgt. Major Francis J. Dooling was buried military honors, by the honor guard, army band and horse drawn caisson. Click on the below link to see the ceremony in it's entirety.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V XJ-dkdImw&t=497s. (Photos/Article submitted)

Vendors Needed The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

#769 from Woodbridge will hold a Holiday Craft Show on December 2, 2017 from 11am to 3pm (Setup 10:30am) at St. James Church Rt. 35 and Main St. Woodbridge, lower level. Cost is \$25 for 1 table and 2 chairs, no refunds. For registration and more information call Mary Ellen O'Connor at 908-294-0146. No handicap accessibility.

Holiday Craft Fair -

Trip to Sight and Sound Play – Jesus

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production – Jesus. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639

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St. Stanislaus Kostka School **Veterans Day Ceremonies**

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowictz)



Members of the American Legion Lenape Post #211 are pictured ready to present the colors ceremony.



Bishop James F. Checchio is pictured presenting the invocation.



Specialist 4th Class U.S. Army, retired, Stanley Przybylowski was presented with the Veteran of the Year award. His proud family and friends were in attendance to show him support for this fine honor. **Congratulations Stanley from** The South Amboy-Sayreville Times!

Frank Dooling



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1944 Edwin "Slick" Orzurski, Merchant Marine Frank Dooling, Michael "Buddy" Hubbs





Sgt. Major Frank Dooling promoted in 1983



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Community Service Award

South Amboy Elks, proudly receiving the Chamber of Commerce award for their community service. Accepted by our exalted ruler, Dave Bryson. (Photo/info submitted)

Our Lady Of Victories Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show Nov. 11

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Dedicated volunteers are pictured at one of the many fun games of chance.

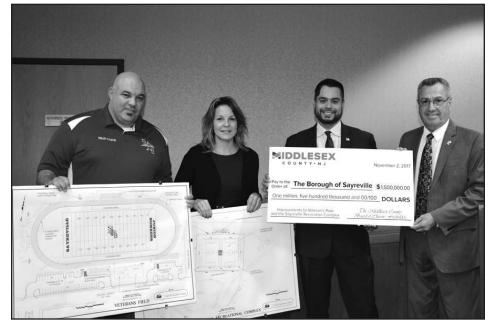


Pictured (I-r) are Bazaar & Craft Show committee member, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, and OLV Pastor Father Ryan.



It's a little bit early, but this well-dressed dog is ready for the upcoming holiday season.

Expanding Opportunities for Fun(Photo/article submitted)



 $Middlesex\,County\,Free holder\,Director\,Ronald\,G.\,Rios\,(right)\,presents\,a\,ceremonial\,check\,to\,Sayreville$ Councilman Ricci Melendez, Mary Ellen Dunn, President of Sayreville Soccer (2nd from left), and John Walsh, President of Sayreville Junior Bombers Football (left).

Freeholders presented the Borough of Sayreville with a \$1.5 million recreational grant at its meeting on Nov. 2. The funds, also include elevated aluminum bleachers from the County's Open Space and Recreation for spectators and bench/coach areas for Trust Fund, will go toward improvements players. The new turf will help accommodate to the Borough's Veteran's Park and the the significant growth experienced by the Sayreville Recreation Complex.

The upgrades to Veteran's Park will include a new turf field, sports lighting, expanded parking area and recreation County and Sayreville, which will contribute building that includes a comfort station and concession stand. These facilities will support the expanding youth sports programs in the Borough.

Complex will include a new turf field that one of the best ways to serve our residents."

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen can accommodate either a single, full-size tournament field for older youth or two junior fields for younger groups. The improvements Sayreville Soccer program over the past few years.

"This is a joint project between the the remaining funds toward the \$3.6 million project," said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "Great things happen when the County and our towns work together, and creating The upgrades to the Sayreville Recreation first-rate recreational facilities for our youth is

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NY Jets Trip





Assemblyman Craig Coughlin is pictured in both photos at NY Jets game with students from the Woodbridge School District and South Amboy School District Life Skills Class. Assemblyman Coughlin sponsored the trip. Also in photos are South Amboy Classroom Teacher-Mrs. Shay, CST Social Worker-Lauren Strumwasser, and CST LDTC-Diane Heitmeyer.(Photos/info submitted)

Old Friends



This is a photo of some members of the first graduating class of St Mary's Grammar School. The school opened in 1958. Pictured (l-r). Jim O'Leary, Frank Kennedy, Bob Hardy, Al Ust, Joe Bulman, Bob Doyle, Bob Suminski, George Selover, Gary Selover, John Toscano, and Ed Good. Jim, Frank, Bob Hardy, Al, Joe, and Ed were part of that graduating class. The rest of the group are close friends. (Photo/info submitted)

Long, Long Ago



1960-Pictured at a Catholic War Veterans banquet are well-known and highly-respected South Amboy men including Mayor Richard Schultz, ?, ?, Edmund Kaboski, Adam Rzepka. (Photo courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)

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The Spinal Column John Misiewicz

Cold Weather Exercise

Exercising outdoors in cold weather can be exhilarating. Even if skiing isn't your all-time favorite sport, you can have just as much fun running, cycling, or walking in winter time. Winter sunlight can revive your spirits, and exercise in the cool, crisp air can relieve the stress and tension related to the busy holidays.

There are special considerations to remember for cold-weather exercise:

Athletes may not be aware of the loss of fluids in cold weather, but the loss is real and potentially dangerous. Athletes have similar hydration needs year round, but many of them simply don't drink enough fluids during the winter months. Sports nutrition experts advise athletes to drink about one quart of non-caffeinated fluids for every 1,000 calories expended each day. "Drink two cups of fluid two hours before exercise and least 4-6 ounces of fluid every 15-20 minutes during exercise."

Don't overdose. Exercise raises body temperatures significantly and even a moderate workout can make you feel as if it's 30 degrees warmer. The answer to this is wearing several layers of loose-fitting thin layers of clothes.

The first layer should be thermal underwear made of a fabric that draws perspiration away from your body. That layer should not be cotton, as cotton holds moisture next to your skin and makes you feel cold and clammy.

Your middle layer should be a synthetic turtleneck and wool sweater. Sweat pants or Lycratights worn over thermals will help keep your legs warm. If precipitation is evident, your outer jacket should be waterproof, wind-resistant, yet breathable. Or for a short workout in dry weather, just an ordinary windbreaker would be suitable.

Zippers make clothes more adaptable for controlling the amount of air you let in or for removing quickly. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Fingers resting against each other stay warmer than fingers separated by the added air surface between the fingers of gloves.

Headgear is important since you lose so much heat through your head. Be sure to wear good running shoes, with enough support and cushion.

Fishing Flashes By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Porgy fishing on local party boats is very good. Most fish are a foot long or less. There are some big ones over 2 pounds, mixed in along with Sea Bass which now are legal to keep. Blackfish are mixed in too. The bag limit on Blackfish goes up to 6 fish, after November 16th. Striped Bass are filtering in especially in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Some 20 pound fish have been caught. The largest one so far at LBI is 46 pounds. Big monster Bluefish are also there up to 15 pounds. Party boat fishing for Bluefish has gotten better, mostly jumbo Blues from 12 to 18 pounds with some over 20 pounds. They are being caught on jigs. Surf fishing in the bay is slow right now. I checked Cliffwood and Deal Beach areas on a few nights. People that I saw there didn't have any fish at all.

Fresh Water

My wife and I tried Trout fishing on one weekday and again had to put up with low water conditions, making us wonder if these areas were stocked. We tried one spot on the Pequest and 4 spots on the Paulinskill by Blairstown and other areas. I managed one Red Breasted Sunfish and she caught a Fallfish. We had no Trout and didn't see anyone else with one. A co-worker told me he caught some from 13 to 19 inches in the lower reaches of the Flatbrook. He says he and his daughter caught 7 or 8 fish. Smallmouth Bass are still biting in the Delaware River.

MY TIME

By Al Gomolka Jr. **Times Poet Laureate** c.1997

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Time and tide wait for no man

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Time won't let me

Time is of the essence

Time is irrelevant

Timing is everything

The best of times, the worst of times

A sign of the times

There's not enough time

Time will tell For the time being

For the good times

Once upon a time

You gotta take the time

You gotta make the time Pass the time of day

Time after time

Time and time again

The time of one's life

This time

Time and a half

Keeping time If ever there were a time, it's now

Time out! What time is it?

Past, present, future

Yesterdays, today, tomorrow

Who is the time-keeper?

Time flies, is what they say

But my thoughts tend to disagree,

It is we that move through space called life And, "Time stands still", you see...







Bring It Back

By D. Brys

My beloved daylight savings time is gone Makes me wish I had a magic wand Just as I get ready to roll over in bed Here comes the sun instead-Brightly shining thru the blinds So might as well get up I whine;

But it really does not seem like the right

Furthermore; in early evening the dark

Creeps upon us

Now I don't mean to make a fuss But this time change is my plight You know that I hate to drive at night;

And much rather it be light. And finally this is not even the all of it

Indeed wait till that first snowfall hits

Surely bound to come Harsh winds will blow

Yet looking magical and beautiful-

I don't look forward to shoveling all that snow;

So now you know;

Why I prefer that spring ahead And wish I could go back to bed!

Spaghetti Benefit **Dinner January 26**

South Amboy Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus host a spaghetti dinner for the Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation Friday January 26 at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Open-Mic entertainment will follow. RSVP to Daniela by January 19. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Sight And Sound Trip

The St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on April 14th to see "Jesus." The price of \$135 includes lunch at Good and Plenty, admission to the show, and transportation. For reservations and info, call Anne at 732-566-9276.



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Letters



Letter of the Month

Tom,

Many, many thanks for keeping alive and well your beloved South Amboy Times publication online. Although I've known her from a distance for fifty-five years, I have also read many of the fine, quality columns she's written in praise of cooking and linking food to society. Her subjects have often included food, history, economics, gadgets, human interactions and much more and poignantly. I never can guess what subject she'll present next month, but it's always clever, informative and well researched. While your publication abounds with music history, town history, poetry, sports past and present with great photographs, current town events, etc., all tirelessly choreographed by you, it seems obvious that Elaine Holton Scott is a staff gem no less valuable than the late Andy Rooney of Sixty Minutes. Again, many

John Warga (now John Arden), Daytona Beach, FL

Sayreville High School '65 Rider College '69 (B.S.) Seton Hall University '72 (M.A.)

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Gentlemen

I want to tell you how overwhelmed the band and myself were when we saw the cover of your latest issue. What a thrill to have that HUGE picture on the front page! Thanks we LOVE it! You have always been so supportive of the band, we certainly appreciated it. In addition we thought our ad was perfectly done. And personally thank you for the blurb about my ride for St Jude- it has helped me with my goals for sure. right now I have 58 miles left to ride and have raised \$7600 on my way to \$10,000

George A. Fuller

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On behalf of my entire family, we would like to thank you for the article on dad that you posted in your October paper. Your kind words in describing dad were very much appreciated.

Thanks Again, Mike Marcinczyk

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Dear Ms. Scott,

I told Tom Burkard I would like to put a letter in his paper about your column, and he suggested I write to you and tell you. Your column is always the first thing I read when I get the Times! It is so full of nostalgia and reliving old memories for me. So, I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy it, and thanks to Tom for giving me your address, I am able to do this. "I want to believe" you will never stop writing this column.

Yours truly,

Anne Dowdell Richmond"



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Sayreville Trick Or Treat Trunk/Parade

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This trunk was really decorated to the max for Halloween.

Sayreville EMS and EMT workers were on hand for the big night.

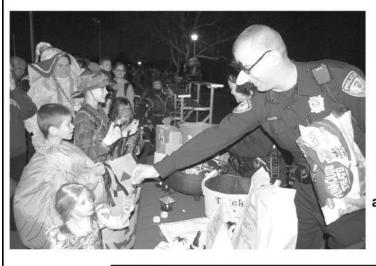




Recreation Director Jerry Ust's car was a popular treat stop for all who attended.

Sayreville **Police Officer** R. Morales hands out a sweet treat for this happy youngster.





Sayreville **Detective** Ellmyer enjoyed the fun evening with young and old alike.

Rustoni Pizza once again had one of the most creative trunks/ costumes at the event.



WWW.?



Does this local structure look familiar to you? Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

October Winners

The following are October winners Judy Guilfoyle, Estelle Pluskota, Dennis Quinlan, Nancy Berry, Paul Sohayda, W. Tom Kross, Chuck Pickard, Joan Fulham, Maureen Anderson, Edna Mazur Pilch, Don Munn, Joan Gorczyca, Paul During, Don Zrebiec, Maryanne Matarangolo, Elizabeth Leveille, Leon Credico, Lynn Loy, Dennis O'Leary, Mary Agnes Morris, Gary Feret, Lorraine Krause & Jack Piskorski, Mark Moniello, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Ed Bender.

*Remember contestants, this is a fun contest, and only ONE guess is allowed per contestant.

WWW.? Feedback

Tom,

The WWW.? is a very recognizable establishment as for it is right down the street from me. It's a shame it had closed up a while back. I would frequently go there on Friday evenings for a fish dinner. - It was a number of fisheries; Burlew's Fishery, The Morgan Fishery, and last it was just called The Fishery. I seem to remember back in the 1970's it



October-WWW.? The FIshery

was at one time just a small game room, or, an arcade of that sort. My younger brothers told me that they had hung there during that time. Hopefully, it will open again as another fishery. We could use one in the area. Thanks, Paul During, Morgan

Tom, Brian,

We use to get fish there just about every Friday. I was very sad when they closed. Every time we go by there I like to think that maybe they will reopen. Does anyone know what happened to the gentleman who owned it. Joan Fulham

Where in New Jersey?



Where in NJ for November. This month's location may no longer be in existence but it was a very popular stop this time of year.

October **Information** Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

October's Where in NJ was Barnegat Lighthouse or Barnegat Light. Colloquially known as "Old Barney", it was commissioned on January 1, 1859 and is the second largest lighthouse in the United States at 172 feet above sea level. It is located in Barnegat Lighthouse State Park on the northern tip of Long Beach Island and the south side of Barnegat Inlet. You can walk the 217 steps to the catwalk at the top of the lighthouse for \$1, or you can try your luck at fishing, birdwatching or picnicking on the bulkhead along the inlet. It's a wonderful place to make summer memories. Point of Interest: This is actually the second Barnegat Light, replacing the 40 foot original that was built in 1835 and fell into the sea in 1857.



This month's winners are Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Chuck Pickard, Paul Sohayda, Chris O'Rourke, Pat & Bill Scully, Jennifer Larsen, Edna Mazur Pilch, Maryanne Matarangolo, John Gelsinon, Adele O'Hara, Elizabeth Leveille, Leon Chris O'Rourke



October Where in New Jersey? **Barnegat Lighthouse**





Credico, Peter McIntyre, Gary Feret, Alice Walsh, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Ed Bender.

Where in NJ Feedback

That lighthouse is Old Barney-Barnegat Light. I spent the last year working to be able to climb it during this year's NJ Lighthouse Challenge. And I did it!



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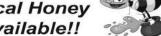
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In Memoriam

St. Mary's HS alumnus Class of 1969, Phil Maresca Jr., 63, passed away 2 years ago on Nov. 24, 2015 in Georgia. He was a longtime co-owner of Nature's 5th Season retail store in Gwinnett County, GA. Don Garboski, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 24. He opened Four Seasons Flower Shop in '78. Catherine Savin, 76, of South Amboy died on Oct. 25. She was a proud member of St. Mary's Church Adoration Society for 10 years, also a class mother, school librarian, and former PTA President. Lois Van Pell, 71, of Parlin died on Oct. 26. She helped her daughter Dana establish A Step In Time Dance Studio, and was involved in running

We just found out the sad news that the business. William "Bill" Vohdin, 57, of Parlin died on Oct. 29. He was an avid golfer. In 1980, as a very young businessman, he was the proprietor of the Hideaway Lounge on Feary Place in Morgan. Bill also sponsored the Hideaway Lounge softball team in the South Amboy League, and was a fine shortstop and great guy. William "Bill" Fleming Jr., 66, of Morgan died on Nov. 1. He was a great guy, who will be missed by all who knew him. He was a graduate of St. Mary's Grammar School Class of '65, and Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of '69. Carol Yetman, 84, of Sayreville died on Nov. 6. She was a Girl Scout leader/Den Mother, a volunteer with Sayreville Little

League, and taught Sunday School at Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin. Gladys Nilsen, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 8. She was a Real Estate Saleswoman for Pat B/J.J. Harrigan Realty in Sayreville, and also co-owner of Nilsen & Sons Plumbing in South Amboy.

Carla Thomsen Oct. 5, 2017

With tears in our eyes we watched you leave to go home with God. You broke our hearts, but God saw you were getting tired, so He took you home. We all will miss you and will always love you.

Rest In Peace, Aunt Connie & Laurie

Obituaries

Arose, Elmer A., 93, of Sayreville died on Oct. 28.

Blekeski, Henry, of Sayreville died on

Fleming, William "Bill," J. Jr., 66, of Morgan died on Nov. 1.

Garboski, Don, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 24.

Joachim, Mary Jane, 83, of Parlin died on Nov. 1. LaVigne, Joseph III, 40, formerly of

South Amboy died on Nov. 3. Lis, Mary F., 92, of Sayreville died on Oct. 22.

Maxwell, Michael, of Parlin died on

Nilsen, Gladys M., 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 8.

Popola, Loretta T., 91, formerly of

Sayreville died on Nov. 5. Savin, Catherine A., 76, of South Amboy

died on Oct. 25. Sinatra, Janice Yeager, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 19.

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12th Anniversary in Heaven FRANK R. WOJTASZEK

NOVEMBER 29, 2005

GOD SAW YOU WERE GETTING TIRED AND A CURE WAS NOT TO BE, SO HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU AND WHISPERED, "COME TO ME." WITH TEARFUL EYES WE WATCHED YOU, AND SAW YOU PASS AWAY. ALTHOUGH WE LOVED YOU DEARLY, WE COULD NOT MAKE YOU STAY. A GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING, HARD WORKING HANDS AT REST. GOD BROKE OUR HEARTS TO PROVE TO US, HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.

SADLY MISSED BY, WIFE, CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

NOTICE

Please be advised that Christ Episcopal Church of South Amboy has terminated its management agreement with the Cemetery Development Corporation, under the direction of Mr. Louis Cicalese, 2 Hartford Drive, Suite 106 Tinton Falls, New Jersey, effective the date of this October 31, 2017.

Information concerning access and burials can be obtained at Christ Episcopal Church of South Amboy. christchurch8@verizon.net or 732-721-6262.

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings., and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P..

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -S.R.

Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 2 By Tom Burkard

Teams Of The 1970's: South Amboy Slow Pitch Teams-Frank's Cafe, Brothers Inn, Bay City Liquors, South Amboy A.C., Lions Den, Mechanicsville Bombers, Mechanicsville A.C., English Chevron, Bottle Stop, J & B Trucking, Enterprise, Mike's Corner, Fritz's Tavern, Roddy's, Miller's Deli, Post Office, First Aid, The Place, Brave Bull, Main Liquors, South Amboy AA, Timbrin, Progressive, Pilots, Poncho's Pilots, Dot's Luncheonette, Independence, White Eagle, Big Swede, Mystic Knights, Anton & Chuck's, Bob's 2 x 4, Bowery, Blue Grass Landscaping, Greasy Spoon, Budweiser A.C., Sanitary Fuels, Regal Beagle, Blue Grass Landscaping, L & M Lounge, Al's Auto Body, Sunday Soldiers, K of C #426, Protection Engine, Broadway Social Club, Pine Liquors, My Wife's Place.

Al Ust Shares Memories: Al Ust, one of the most talented softball players in South Amboy history, played for over 25 years, and was a member of several championship teams including Roddy's Tavern, who won the first 2 titles in 1969 and 1970. Al recalled that "The 1969 and 1970 teams played without uniforms, and looked like a bunch of banditos. So, in '71, the owner, Roddy bought us brand new, sparkling uniforms. We were without a doubt, the best looking team on the field, but left our softball talent home and lost."

He also remembered the '72 season, when Tom Kaelin came to play in South Amboy with his amazing softball ability. "Tom Kaelin was probably the best player in the league, on the same level as Rich Klein."

The early years were funny times, and Al said, "We once asked the opposing team if we could have a pinch runner, and the manager agreed. However, his younger brother disagreed, and the fight began with the two of them winding up rolling around on the ground. We got the pinch runner."

1970 Freeholders Tournament: Parlin YMCA nipped East Brunswick J-Birds, 2-1. Bob Witkowski tripled in the 7th inning to drive in the winning run. Joe Dunn was the winning pitcher...In a 2nd round game, Walter Kross Association of Sayreville pounded South Amboy Post Office, 17-2, as Gene Kazimir drilled 3 hits.

1971 1st Team All-City League: The top players in the league were selected in a ballot by each of the managers and umpires. The following were selected; Pitcher-Jack Gallagher; Catcher-Ned Moran, Bill Connors (tie); First Baseman-Brian O'Brien; Second Baseman-Joe Castellano; Shortstop-Joe Crowe Jr.; Third Baseman-Gary Kosovich; Shortfielder-Jerry Prusakowski; Outfielders-Ken Wahler, Rich Klein, Jim Lyons; Manager of the Year-Pete Inman.

1972 South Amboy Slow Pitch: The interest in competing in Slow Pitch Softball continued to grow, and in South Amboy, the league once again expanded, this time from 12 to 16 teams.

1972 Final Regular Season Standings: American League (AL) East-Brothers Inn 17-0 Poncho's Pilots 9-8 Dot's Luncheonette Maio, Pete Kenny, Stan Jankowski Sr., Jerry 5-12 Post Office 2-15; AL West-Brave Bull 13-5 Mechanicsville Bombers 13-5 Fritz's Harms, McCormick, Gary Pillar, Donnelly, Tavern 2-16 First Aid 1-17; National League (NL) East-J&B Trucking 13-5 Independence 9-9 White Eagle 8-10 Progressive 5-13; NL West-English Chevron 13-5 Big Swede 13-5 Roddy's Tavern 11-7 Mystic Knights 8-10. In the AL Championship Series, Brothers Inn swept the 3-game series from the Brave Bull 2-0. In the NL Championship Series, J & B Trucking swept English Chevron in the 3-game series, 2-0. Brothers Inn finished an overall 21-0 by sweeping J & B Trucking by scores of 4-1, and 9-1 to capture the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch championship. 1972-Rookie Tom Kaelin arrived on the scene and immediately became an impact player for Mechanicsville A.C. He went on to capture the league batting championship with a superb .628 avg. Initially a shortstop, he was moved to centerfield to take full advantage of his tremendous speed.

Champions-Brothers Inn: This squad was loaded with talent, and swept through the regular season and playoffs to finish with a perfect (21-0) overall record. The team Leo Dohan, Frank Kennedy, Jim Kennedy,

South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball consisted of Rich Klein, Ed Szatkowski, Ken Wahler, Chet Meinzer, Nick Charmello, Joe Castellano, Joe Crowe, Bill Connors, Ed O'Leary, Ed Conroy, Tom Gorman, Player/ manager Pete Inman, Charlie Conroy, Dave

Parsons, Ken Lyon. 1972 Teams/Players: J & B Trucking-Jim Lyons, Mark Felice, Don Szatkowski, Ken Szatkowski, Jerry Disbrow, Jim Tingle, Jay McKeon, Tom Szatkowski, Bill Parsons, Bill Wozniak, Skip Costanzo, Jack Mason, Pat Rock, Steve Malkiewicz, Bob McKeon, Garnett; First Aid-Jim Keays Sr., Gary Cottrell, Joe Gioffre, Chuck Pawlowski, Dennis McCloud, Jack Mankowski, J.T. Gioffre, Jeff Pawlowski, John McCloud Sr., Tom Hoover, Peterson, Meszaros, McCloud III, Di Giovanni, Nelson, Coman, Mundy, Miglin, Hamilton, Satsky, Jack Piskorski, Mackiel; White Eagle-Tom Holovacko, Joe Gatyas, Walt Binkowski, Joe Murtha, Mike Holovacko, Gene Dennen, Joe Zailski, Harry Macholl, Jim Holovacko, Wayne Olsen Sr., Bill Walczak, Dan Prasnal, Don Walczak, Dan Salmon Sr., Dennis Cross, Kevin Meszaros, Mike Roman, Coleman; Poncho's Pilots-Tom Grabert, Fred Henry, Ray Leonard, John Clark, Bob Howarth, John Kaboski, Gene Cross, Jim Day, Bob Paulukiewicz, Joe Noble, Tom MacKay Sr., Jon "Poncho" O'Connor, Dan MacKay, Bonis; Dot's Luncheonette-Jack Phillips, Tom Lange, Jack O'Connor, Tim Farrell, John Kopystecky, Jim Gordon, Kevin Crowley, Ed Lee, John Andolphi, Norm Kilcomons Jr., John Gulick, Rick Ragula, Bill Farrell, Booker, Hersey, St. Amour, Delikat; Brave Bull-Pat Marotta, Jack Gallagher, Frank Pauloski, Brian Flanagan, Steve Flanagan, Rick Ferguson, Gene Lopez, Jerry Drill, Henry "Henny" Conroy, Larry LaBrocq, Ted Wallace, Jack Brennan, Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Maliszewski, Doug Whitaker, Carney; English Chevron-Bill McKain, Mark Bratus, George Krzyzanowski, Greg Havlusch, Brian O'Brien, Bob Keegan, Dennis Bratus, Dave Stolte, Tom Kuc, Ed Suchcicki, Rich "Ish" Ambroziak, Bob Sullivan, Ted Krzyzanowski, Ray Tomaszewski, Bob Kukulski, Jim Greenhaus, Rich Tanchyk, Tom Cross, Greg Lyon, Ewtushek; Post Office-Tom Downs IV, Tom Downs III, Bob Swanson, Jack Mahoney, Rick Swanson Jr., Bill Hall Sr., Joe Kilcomons, Joe Groncki, Bill Keegan, Norm Kilcomons Sr., Richard "Dick" Brower, Powell, Bowlby, Pete Palame, Zak, John Lange Sr., Popola, Bernie Cohan Sr., Charley Mahoney, Selover, Bill Hall Jr., Bernie Cohan Jr., Wilcox, Prevoznak; Mystic Knights-Tony Mancini, Bob "Smokey" Ryan, Pete Waters, Tom "Tee" O'Connell, Joe Wallis, Don Potts, Gary Kosovich, Jim Wallis, Joe Vigilante, Dave Powers, Kehoe, Jankowski, John O'Brien, Mark Jendrzejewski, Murphy, Tom Ruszala, Dan Weinman, Paul Zulin, Wisniewski, Magee, J. Conroy, Jarusiewicz; Progressive-Bill Natusch, Willie Wynn, Moran, Harry Clayton, Wayne Pillar, Al Ellison, Frank Januszak, Bob Eppinger, Ed Schaber Sr., De Foy, "Mooney" Di Mattia, Tony Isabella, Gregoreski, McVey, Ryan; Big Swede-Larry Kurzawa, Dennis Yanoski, Bernie Mackiel, Gary Read, Dan Paone, Joe Smith, Joe "Jody" Kelly, Tom Magielnecki, Jerry Prusakowski, Jim Pavlonnis, Ron Croddick, Dave Inman, Tom Komick; Independence-Bob Carew, Kevin Nemeth, Jim Nemeth, Carl Nemeth, Bob Nemeth, Sam Nemeth, Nemeth Sr., Applegate, Larry Parsons, Gary Lange, Ray Nebus, Jim Beshada, Creed, Chet Wortley Jr., Poland, Hansell, W. Tom Kross, Powell, McCarthy, Kozak, Bill Ward, John Szatkowski, Szatkowski, Tom Suau, Dennen; Fritz's-Kevin Conochan, Mike DeLucia, Joe DeLucia, Mark Jendrzejewski, Alfie Clark, Tom Mulvey, Gary Ryan, George Gilbert, Bruce Wood, Jan, Murphy, Chodkiewicz, Mike Powers, Gary Mauro, Rich Tanchyk, Dennis Ryan, John DeLucia, Dennis Sommers, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Gary Costanzo; Roddy's-Tom Fitzmorris, Billy Clayton, Al Ust, Ned Moran, Paul Ust, Henry Moe, Fran Fitzmorris, Frank Leonard,

Bob DeJoy, Crowley, Bloodgood, Borbely, Bowlby, George Selover, Bob Kennedy; Mechanicsville Bombers-Tom Kaelin, Ernie Read, Jay Thomas, Ken Kokoszka, Tom Burkard, Ken Mulrooney, Larry Schultz, Larry Martin Sr., Ed Paczkowski, John Norek Jr., Mike Colucci, Al Gomolka Jr., Joe Jaskowiak, Ray Durski Sr., Brian Conlon, Mark Norek, Joe (Cross) Krzyzkowski, Tom Wortley

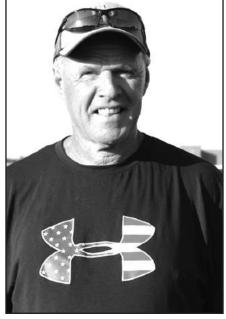
1972 Final League Leaders: Top 20 Batting Avg.-Tom Kaelin .628 Dennis Yanoski .565 Greg Havlusch .560 Ken Szatkowski .550 Ed Szatkowski .547 Gene Lopez .547 Jim Tingle .534 Chet Meinzer .531 Larry Kurzawa .522 Jay Thomas .512 Mark Felice .511 Paul Ust .500 Don Szatkowski .500 Joe Gatyas .482 Ned Moran .480 Brian O'Brien .479 Ernie Read .477 Gary Read .472 Bill Connors .471 Jim Lyons .467 Tony Mancini .463 Joe Noble .460 Jim Nemeth .460 Harry Macholl .458 Tom Fitzmorris .456. Runs-Kurzawa 29; Hits-Kurzawa 35; Doubles-Tom Fitzmorris 12; Triples-Don Szatkowski 5; Home Runs-Tom Lange 10; Wins-Tom Magielnecki 13. 1st Team All-City League: Selected by the team managers and umpires; Pitcher-Jack Gallagher; Catcher-Chet Menizer Jr.; First Baseman-Bill Connors; Second Baseman-Joe Crowe Jr.; Shortstop-Pat Marotta; Third Baseman-Larry Kurzawa; Shortfielder-Jerry Disbrow; Outfielders-Jim Lyons, Rich Klein, Ken Wahler; Manager of the Year-Pete Inman. Klein M.V.P., Charmello Top Rookie: In a poll for M.V.P. and Rookie-of-the-Year, managers and umpires used a point system to select the winners. M.V.P. Voting-Rich Klein 96 Kurzawa 74 Ken Wahler 71 Tom Kaelin 56 Chet Meinzer 44. Rookie-of-the-Year Voting-Nick Charmello 84 Kaelin 83 Gary Lange 76 Bob Carew 65 Tom Szatkowski 47.

Don't Miss Part 3 in the Dec. 16th issue

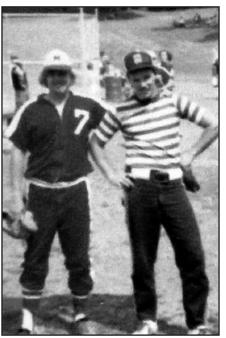


Legendary pitcher Larry Parsons is believed to have the most career victories in South Amboy Slow Pitch, with an estimated 235 wins. As a rookie in '71 with Enterprise, he won his first game, a 30-0, 3-hitter over First Aid. In '72 he went (3-3) with Independence, and in '73 was superb with a (10-2) record for Mechanicsville A.C. He played for Protection from 1974-81, then McCormack Sand who won the championship, and also won the league with The Outlaws. Neumann Construction started in '87, and captured the title in 1989, 1990, and 1994. In a '95 interview, Parsons said, "The best team I ever played on in South Amboy was Neumann Construction in 1990, a very defensiveminded team." When asked what batters were the toughest for him to face, he said, "Gary Aich and Chuck Prusakowski. They always get something." As of 1995, Larry had played on 5 championship teams in South Amboy and 8 out of town. In addition, his best years in South Amboy were 1989 (23-4), 1990 (24-3), 1994 (20-1).

1973-This group of South Amboy softball superstars ioined forces for softball tourneys, and is believed to be the beginning of the great South Amboy A.C. team. Here they are pictured after winning the Perth Ambov Mayor/ Council Tournament. In front (l-r) Tom Downs, Ed Conroy, Ed O'Leary, Ron Croddick, Bernie Mackiel, Joe Crowe, Bill Connors. Back row (1-r) Ken Wahler, Chet Meinzer Jr., Larry Kurzawa, Jerry Prusakowski, Ray Downs, Nick Charmello.



Rich Klein is considered by most Slow Pitch softball observers/experts the best ever to play the game in the South Amboy Slow Pitch Senior Men's Softball League. He only played in the South Amboy League for about 5 years, opting to play on a more competitive level throughout the tri-state area, but during that short time in South Amboy, he quickly established himself as the league's best hitter, fastest runner, and top defensive centerfielder, with a cannon arm. In 1971, he captured the league batting championship with a blistering .676 avg. In my 18 years as a player in the South Amboy League, Rich was by far the most-consistent and feared player that I ever saw. He was constantly tremendous, game in, game out, could hit the long-gapper for a home run, or burn your team by using either foul lines plus his blinding speed to take an extra base at any given moment. In a 1995 interview, he said that his greatest accomplishment in softball was "making the All-Tournament teams in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania."



1973-The great Tom Kaelin (r) captured the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball batting title in '72 with a scorching .628 avg. It turned out to be the only season he played in town, and because of complaints of other teams, a new eligibility rule was enforced in '73. Kaelin is pictured with Mechanicsville Bombers/ A.C. player/manager/ founder Tom Burkard, who he played for following a Freeholders Tournament victory at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

Tom Kaelin, was so talented with power, speed, and a strong arm, that many people still remember his standout softhall abilities and consider hin one of the best of all-time players in South Amboy along with Rich Klein. The new eligibility rule designed to keep Kaelin and others out of the league, allowed only South Amboy residents, those employed in town, or those who had attended school in "The Pleasant Little City" to play in the league. Kaelin, who lived in Sayreville at the time, never played again in town, but was outstanding in various leagues and tournaments throughout the state.



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